regarding irrationality of 10 branded products commonly prescribed/used in the country. None of these products are, however, hazardous and their rationality also appears to be acceptable in the context of their intended use.

(b) and (c) The Government laboratories are required to test quality of drugs. As such no allegation or apprehension has been expressed in the background paper with regard to the quality of these drugs. However, there is a system for reviewing of drugs suspected to be irrational or harmful.

Amendment of Drugs and Magic Remedies Act

357. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move in Ministry to amend the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act to make illegal any advertisement for unvalidated cures for medical conditions by any medical practitioner; and

(b) if so, the details of the move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ambit of Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 is envisaged to be enlarged to cover the advertisements offering treatment, in respect of certain diseases or offering to alter certain functions of human body, for the purpose of exercising control over advertisements for invalidated cures for medical conditions by medical practitioners.

Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan

358. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, while launching National Rural Health Mission, the Planning Commission has proposed a Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan (Health for All) along the lines of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Education for All);